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Gentlemen,

Annual Report, 1940.

Acting on the instructions contained in Circulars 2314 and 2067 in which it states that reports should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the public health during the year, especially any matters arising from or connected with the war, outbreaks of infectious disease, and measures for maternity and child welfare, together with any exceptional administrative measures taken or recommended by the Medical Officer of Health, I beg to make the following observations.

Statistics, 1940.

Littlehampton	England
	& Wales.

Birth Rate per 1,000 population	....	12.6	14.6
Death Rate per 1,000 population	....	12.4	14.3
Corrected Death Rate	....	11.2	-
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 births	....	71	55

The population as given by the Registrar General is 12,730. The factor for correction is 0.90, which gives a corrected death rate of 11.2.

Evacuation.

In May 1940 all the evacuee children of school age in Littlehampton were transferred to safer areas. At present there are 50 evacuee children under five years of age in Littlehampton, (43 accompanied and 7 unaccompanied).

Infectious Disease.

During the year the following cases of infectious disease were notified:-

Scarlet Fever	12 (11 in 1939)
Diphtheria	15 (9 in 1939)
Typhoid Fever	1 (2 " "
Pneumonia	15 (12 " "
Tuberculosis	12 (6 " "
Erysipelas	5
Postpartal Pyrexia	1
Measles	37
Whooping Cough	27
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	3

Housing.

No. of new houses erected during 1940:

By Private Enterprise	12
B Local Authority	Nil



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Housing. - cont.

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts.)	... 251
No. of inspections made for the purpose	..., 856
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous and injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	... Nil

Bacteriological samples.

The usual samples of milk and ice cream were taken as follows:-

Milk ...	... 39(32 gave satisfactory results)
Ice Cream ...	... 6(all gave satisfactory results)

Where the results were not satisfactory appropriate action was taken.

Water.

Samples of the public water supply have been examined regularly each month and were consistently satisfactory.

Sanitary Inspection.

I have had a complete report from the Chief Sanitary Inspector, Mr. McGill, as in former years, but as this is not required I do not think it necessary to amplify any further beyond stating that 5408 visits and inspections were made as compared with 5144 visits the previous year.

Records.

All records, including statistics supplied by the Registrar General are being carefully preserved in order that after the termination of the war a report can be made dealing more fully with the period from the beginning of 1939 to the end of the last complete year, so that annual records may as far as practicable, be continuous and complete.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R.H. Wilshaw,

Medical Officer of Health.

To The Chairman and Members of the Littlehampton
Urban District Council.

